

TABLE 24
Adjusted Cohort Graduation and Dropouts (Five-Year) by Student Group

Student Group	Adjusted Cohort Graduation Rate *			Adjusted Cohort Dropouts	
	Total All Graduates	Adjusted Cohort	Adjusted 5-Year Cohort Graduation Rate	Total Dropouts	Adjusted 5-Year Cohort Dropout Rate
All students	64,520	81,759	78.90%	14,755	18.00%
Amer. Indian	917	1,620	56.60%	597	36.90%
Asian/Pac Islander (Combined)	5,529	6,565	84.20%	874	13.30%
<i>Asian</i>	5,111	5,937	86.10%	691	11.60%
<i>Pacific Islander</i>	418	628	66.60%	183	29.10%
Black	2,742	4,017	68.30%	1,086	27.00%
Hispanic	8,580	12,181	70.40%	3,124	25.60%
White	44,209	54,149	81.60%	8,507	15.70%
Two or More Races	2,536	3,161	80.20%	511	16.20%
Special Education	5,741	9,158	62.70%	2,487	27.20%
Limited English	2,767	4,632	59.70%	1,622	35.00%
Low income	25,641	37,348	68.70%	10,043	26.90%
Migrant	1,445	2,088	69.20%	524	25.10%
504 Plan	1,754	2,130	82.30%	298	14.00%
Foster Care*	288	630	45.70%	281	44.60%
Female	32,883	40,095	82.00%	6,172	15.40%
Male	31,637	41,664	75.90%	8,583	20.60%

From "Report to the Legislature: Graduation and Dropout Statistics Annual Report 2011-12," Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, March 2013 report. "The federal NCLB Act requires the use of graduation rates when determining if a high school is showing progress in retaining and graduating students. Beginning in August 2012, the adjusted five-year cohort graduation rate reported is to be used to determine Washington's High School Other Indicator status for Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) for schools and districts."

* This calculation is based on a five-year timeframe for graduation after students first enter ninth grade. The OSPI report provides information on the cohort of students who first entered ninth grade in 2007–08 and tracks their enrollment status through 2011–12.

Adjusted Cohort: A group of students identified as beginning ninth grade in a specified year. Students are included in the cohort based on when they first entered ninth grade. The cohort is "adjusted" by adding in students that transfer into the school and by subtracting students who transfer out of the school.

Dropout: A student who leaves school for any reason, except death, before completing school with a regular diploma or transferring to another school with a known exit reason. A student is considered a dropout regardless of when dropping out occurs (i.e., during or between regular school terms). A student who drops out but reenrolls during the cohort's five year timeframe is not considered a dropout.